

**TRANSPORTATION YOUR PET
TO US EMBASSY DAKAR FROM ANOTHER POST**

AIRLINE: SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAY (SAA)

Scope: The notice applies to USG employees wanting to transport their pets to Dakar. Please note that no quarantine period is required for shipments into Dakar.

Responsibility: Please note that pet shipments are ultimately the owner's responsibility. While the Dakar Shipping team will provide limited guidance and support, the USG does not accept any liability relating to the transportation of pets, including the death of a pet in transit.

- Transporting your pet to your final destination can be difficult especially during the summer months, when airlines do not allow pet shipments. During these months, USG employees elect to send their pets via air or land cargo or transport the animals via their personal vehicle. A useful reference is the "Latest State Department Guidance on Shipping Your Pet," which is posted on Dakar's website under both Travel and Shipping.
- Airline policies regarding pets can and do change. Please double-check with your airline well in advance of your pet shipment to obtain the most updated requirements. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the animals are properly crated and accompanied by valid health and vaccination certificates, entry permits and other documents required by countries of entry or transit.

Requirements:

- In all cases a Health Certificate (APHIS form 7001) is required when traveling with a pet as excess baggage or when shipping a pet as cargo. The certificate must be issued by a licensed veterinarian within 03 days of transport. The health certificate issued from country of origin with validity through date of embarkation 03 days prior departure.
- The certificate must contain:
 - The shipper's name and address.
 - Any tag numbers or tattoos assigned to the animal.
 - The age of the animal being shipped (USDA regulations require animals be at least 8 weeks old and fully weaned before traveling).
 - The signature of the veterinarian.
 - The date of the certificate.
 - Rabies vaccination certificate
- Animals must be carried as manifested cargo in accordance with the [IATA Live Animals' Regulations](#).
- Copy of Airway Bill.
- If your pet is shipped from the U.S., a valid health examination certified by the vet.

- An import permit. This will be requested from the Department of Health stating that the health certificate is acceptable and there are no other conditions that must be met. The Shipping Department's contractor will assist with this.

Procedure:

- Please scan and email records to DakarShipping@state.gov. You may also fax the records to us at +221 33 879-4060. To request your pet's health visa, we must receive a valid copy of your pet's health certificate and vaccination records two working days before your arrival.
- Please also send us (via email or fax) your Airway Bill number as soon as the airline provides it to you. With Delta Airlines, you will normally receive the Airway Bill number one day before your travel commences. With South African Airways (and other airlines), you will normally receive the number of Airway Bill only after you have checked your pet in on the flight.
- If Dakar Shipping is able to receive all documents in advance of your arrival as stipulated above, we should be able to clear your pet one hour after your plane lands in Dakar.
- If we do not receive the Airway Bill documents on time (but we do receive your pet's health certificate and vaccination records as stipulated above), we should be able to clear your pet two hours after your plane lands in Dakar.
- If we do not receive any documents in before you arrive at post, clearing your pet could take 2-3 hours or more.
- **Please make sure you consign your Airway Bill to:**

American Ambassador
 American Embassy
 ROUTE DES ALMADIES
 BP 49
 Dakar, Senegal
(Please put your initials below so we can track it)
 ATTN GSO SHIPPING TEL: 33 879 4000

Custom Handling and Clearance Costs:

Airlines may charge a handling fee to ship pets, which must be paid upon the pets' arrival in Dakar.

In addition, pets shipped out of Dakar are charged a special tax that is described below:

- Health visa (*visa sanitaire*) = 6000 FCFA per pet
- Airport handling = 25,000 FCFA
- Clearance and customs formalities = 35,060 FCFA
- Total : 65,060 FCFA

Upon arrival in Dakar, you will be greeted by a Dakar Shipping employee who will facilitate the process and our contractor who will meet and assist you for the clearance through the custom..

Please email DakarShipping@state.gov if you have further questions regarding the shipment of your pet to Embassy Dakar.